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ITEMS APPROVED AND ACTION TAKEN BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 18, 2012

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The Lee County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session at 4 p.m., Monday, June 18, 2012, took action on the following items:

The following items were approved on the **CONSENT AGENDA**:

- A. Minutes from the June 4, 2012 regular meeting,
- B. Tax Releases and Refunds for May 2012, and
- C. Budget Amendment # 06/18/12/18

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Pursuant to N.C. General Statute 153A-52.1, the floor was opened for *Public Comments*. The following spoke and were allowed 3 minutes to make their presentation:

- 1. Mr. Kirk Smith, 3108 Avents Ferry Road, Sanford

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Conducted a public hearing at 4 p.m. to consider the creation of fire service districts. No action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approved Resolution for Economic Infrastructure Grants Program for the Clyde Rhyne Road project at the Lee County Industrial Park.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approved Fire District Budget Ordinance for FY 2012-13,
- B. Approved Resolution adopting the Capital Improvements Program for FY 2012/13 – 2016/17,
- C. Approved FY 2012-13 Budget Ordinance,
- D. Approved Budget Amendment # 06/18/12/17 for the Sheriff's Department,
- E. Made several board appointments to boards and commissions,
- F. Approved a capital purchase in the amount of \$55,636.00 to purchase a wheel chair lift vehicle for COLTS, and

- G. Approved an amendment to the FY 2012-13 Consolidated Agreement between the Lee County Health Department and the State of North Carolina.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. *Monthly Financial Report* for month ending May 2012 was presented – information only.
- B. The County Manager presented his *Monthly Report* which consisted of the following items:
- Working with NCDOT on the Clyde Rhyne Road paving project at the Lee County Industrial Park. DOT has asked for a new traffic count that will delay the project 3 – 4 weeks. Currently at 30% complete with the design of the project; remaining 70% should go quickly once traffic count has been completed and DOT gives go ahead with specifications.
 - The contractor for the basement renovation project at the Lee County Courthouse has been mobilized for 45 days with the project 25% complete.
 - Parks & Recreation and General Services are almost complete with repairs to Buchanan Park. Most of the work has been completed with in-house staff and volunteers. Work should be completed within 30 days.
 - The new security system at the Lee County Jail has been installed. Staff is currently going through training for the new system.
 - Employee survey with Employment Security Commission (ESC) has been completed. Waiting for ESC to complete the final results that will be shared with Commissioners at the July meeting.
 - Staff is working on a change to the ordinance which will ban weapons from Lee County Parks. The State Legislature last year passed a law that allowed cancelled weapons in certain areas of Parks. This action made Lee County's existing ordinance non-compliant with State Law. The State now has new legislation that if passed would clarify the Legislature's intent with the law. This item will be discussed during the July meeting in hopes that the Legislature is out of session and changes made to the law. This will allow us to put in place an ordinance that is in compliance with the State Law if it is enacted and give us time to write the ordinance.
 - The Lee County Animal Shelter continues to hold a dog that has been deemed dangerous. The owner has filed a lawsuit saying the dog was improperly seized and should be returned. This is a City issue but the County is involved because we are holding the dog in our shelter and the Sheriff's Department is involved. The dog has been held for over 60 days and is costing the County money every day to house the pet.
 - Documents are being finalized for the sale of property on Linden Avenue to the Housing Authority. Once all documents are finalized the Chairman's signature will be needed to transfer the property.
 - The Jonesboro Library facility was declared surplus last July. All property from the building has been removed and a for-sale sign has been placed in front of the building. Inquiries have been made but no offers made to date.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. At 6 p.m. the Board held a joint public hearing with the Lee County Planning Board to consider a request by Boatman Properties, LLC to rezone 1.13 acres of land located at 2711 Jefferson Davis Highway from Residential Agriculture (RA) district to Highway Commercial (HC) district. No action was taken.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

During the 1 p.m. Budget Work Session, the Board approved the following items:

- Approved the concept of a Sanford-Lee County Visitors Bureau, transitioning to a Tourism Development Authority (TDA) long term, contingent upon appropriate participation by all relevant stakeholders, completion of the necessary documentation to construct a charter, and sufficient funding from public and private sources.
- Appropriated \$19,800 to the Lee County Economic Development Corporation for purposes of certifying one or more sites for industrial development with the understanding the affected land owner(s) will match the County's distribution of up to \$9,900; and with the understanding that landowners may use the EDC's revolving loan fund to finance their match.
- Approved a \$3,922 pay increase for the County Attorney (plus a 3% COLA).
- Approved the County Manager's recommendation to decrease Lee County General Services budget by \$123,000 in Building Improvements.
- Approved a \$4,723 pay increase for the Sheriff (plus a 3% COLA).
- Approved increase to cover scanner licenses for the Health Department to begin their scanning project and approved \$37,209 for the purchase of scanners and software for the Department of Social Services scanning project, contingent upon receipt of written approval by the State CIO's Office acknowledging our purchase as being compliant with the statewide technical architecture.
- Approved \$11,000 for employee health assessments.
- Approved increase of \$5,100 to the Board of Elections to cover costs related to the July second primary.
- Motion failed to require the Lee County Board of Education to submit their school budget by purpose, function and project code and that the Commissioners limit the movement of county allocated funds between and among line items to 10% of allocation.
- Denied request from the Board of Education for additional capital funds to repair the parking lot at B. T. Bullock Elementary School. It is recommended the BOE use the upcoming year's capital appropriation to pay for this project and re-prioritize the remaining projects in their request. After the County closes out the fiscal year and has a better understanding of where the fund balance will be in October, further discussion can take place in reference to the County's ability to meet additional capital needs at that time.

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